Bal Sabha:

Bal Sabha is 'children's meeting' where children of the village unite together, identify & discuss issues affecting their lives and jointly make efforts to arrive at solutions. Under children's participation Bal Sabha was initiated at village/shelter level where all children from the community participate irrespective of the age groups.

Village Captain of Big Lapathy, Small Lapathy and Kinmai, Principal GSSS Lapathy and Head Mistress GMS Kinmai attended the Bal Sabha. Children raised the issues of water scarcity, teacher shortage, no proper toilet facility. Captains wrote a letter to the Assistant Engineer, APWD to solve water and toilet problem. The repair and construction work has started.

When individual speaks one of injustice it remains a whisper, when two speak out it becomes talk, when many tell of injustice they find a voice that will be heard.

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Major issues that were raised in Bal Sabha

PROTECTION ISSUES:

- Substance use
- Teachers sending children to buy pan and gutka
- Corporal punishment
- Verbal abuse at home
- Child labour
- Child marriage

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

- Sanitation and waste
- management Street lights & footpath
- Drinking water
- Disturbance in studies by the volume of TV and radio

SCHOOL RELATED ISSUES:

- Poor quality of education
- Shortage of text books
- Absenteeism of teachers
- Poor quality of mid-day meal and drinking water
- Toilets not clean